

## Message Text

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S E C R E T DAMASCUS 3975

EXDIS DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, XF, SU  
SUBJ: BRIEFING ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE

REF: STATE 172477

1. BRIEFED FONMIN KHADDAM ON DEVELOPMENT  
SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN HIS JULY 10 PRESS CONFERENCE  
REGARDING FOCUS AND PURPOSE OF LONDON TALKS.
2. KHADDAM INITIALLY HAD NO REPLY BUT IN ANSWER TO QUESTION  
COMMENTED THAT SYRIAN POSITION TOWARDS SADAT INITIATIVE  
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WAS WELL KNOWN. SYRIA CONSIDERED IT AN OBSTACLE IN  
THE PATH OF PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE. SADAT'S ACTION  
HAD UNDERMINED ALL THE EFFORTS WHICH HAD BEEN EXERTED  
TOWARDS PEACE. IT HAD HELPED ISRAEL TO ADOPT A MORE  
INTRANSIGENT AND HARDLINE ATTITUDE. ANY RESULT, THERE-  
FORE, FROM SADAT'S INITIATIVE WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO SYRIA  
AND WHATEVER THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT COMMITTED HIMSELF TO

WOULD NOT BE BINDING ON THE ARABS. MEETING IN LONDON  
WOULD NOT BE ANY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER MEETINGS IN THIS  
REGARD.

3. TOLD KHADDAM WE WERE AWARE OF SYRIA'S POSITION BUT  
WAS NEVERTHELESS HOPED SYRIA WOULD NOT PRE-JUDGE LONDON  
MEETING. WE THEN TURNED TO DISCUSSION OF LEBANON  
(SEPTTEL).  
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